### 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4 5 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2013-138 JEANNE LASHAE TURNER DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER 6 .K.A. JEANNE LASHAE BATES 117 Biddle Lane Henagar, AL 35978 [Gov. Code, §11520] 8 3707 S Broad St Apt 204 9 Scottsboro, AL 35769 10 Registered Nurse License No. 618153 11 RESPONDENT 12 13 FINDINGS OF FACT 14 On or about August 24, 2012, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her 15 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of 16 Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2013-138 against Jeanne Lashae Turner, aka Jeanne 17 Lashe Bates (Respondent) before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as 18 Exhibit A.) 19 2. On or about May 5, 2003, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued Registered 20 Nurse License No. 618153 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and 21 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on September 30, 2006 and 22 has not been renewed. 23 On or about August 24, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class 24 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2013-138, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, 25 Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to 26 Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 27 and/Title 16, California Code of Regulation, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and

maintained with the Board, which was and is:

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Respondent was also served to 3707 S Broad St, Apt 204, Scottsboro, AL 35769 which was retrieved from respondent's discipline documents from Alabama Board of Nursing.

- Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- On or about September 4, 2012, September 10, 2012, September 11, 2012 and September 13, 2012, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service, marked "Return to Sender, Unable to Forward" and "Not Deliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward." The address on the documents was the same as the address on file with the Board. Respondent failed to maintain an updated address with the Board and the Board has made attempts to serve the Respondent at the address on file. Respondent has not made herself available for service and therefore, has not availed herself of her right to file a notice of defense and appear at hearing.
  - Business and Professions Code section 2764 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

- Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of the Accusation upon her, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2013-138.

9.	California	Government	Code section	11520	states, in	pertinent p	oart

- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board after having reviewed the proof of service dated August 24, 2012, signed by Kami Pratab, and the returned envelopes finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Accusation No. 2013-138 and the documents contained in Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter which includes:

Exhibit 1: Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes; Accusation No. 2013-138,

Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (two blank copies), Request
for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections
11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), proof of service; and if applicable, mail
receipt or copy of returned mail envelopes;

Exhibit 2: License History Certification for Jeanne Lashae Turner, aka Jeanne Lashae Bates, Registered Nurse License No. 618153;

Exhibit 3: Out of State Discipline (Alabama and Tennessee Board of Nursing);

Exhibit 4: Affidavit of Kami Pratab;

Exhibit 5: Declaration of costs by Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of Case No. 2013-138

The Board finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2013-138 are separately and severally true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

11. Taking official notice of Certification of Board Costs and the Declaration of Costs by the Office of the Attorney General contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet, pursuant to the Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement in connection with the Accusation are \$817.50 as of October 15, 2012.

# DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Jeanne Lashae Turner, aka Jeanne Lashae Bates has subjected her following license(s) to discipline:
  - a. Registered Nurse License No. 618153
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's license(s) based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case.
  - a. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a)(4) Disciplinary action by another State Board of Nursing.

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## **ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 618153, heretofore issued to Respondent Jeanne Lashae Turner, aka Jeanne Lashae Bates is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on <u>February</u> 15

It is so ORDERED

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Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2013-138

Accusation No. 2013-138

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10	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING						
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11	STATE OF CALIFORNIA						
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2013-138						
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14	JEANNE LASHAE TURNER a.k.a. JEANNE LASHAE BATES						
	117 Biddle lane A C C U S A T I O N						
15	Henagar, AL 35978 Registered Nurse License No. 618153						
16	Respondent.						
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18	Complainant alleges:						
19	<u>PARTIES</u>						
20	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant), brings this Accusation solely in her						
21	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of						
22	Consumer Affairs.						
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24	License Number 618153 to Jeanne Lashae Turner, a.k.a. Jeanne Lashae Bates (Respondent). The						
25	Registered Nurse License expired on September 30, 2006, and has not been renewed.						
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>						
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),						
28	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section						
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references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Section 2761 of the Code states: "the board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:
  - "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action."

#### COST RECOVERY

7. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

#### CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Out of State Discipline) (Bus. & Prof. Section 2761, subd. (a)(4))

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), for revocation of her nursing license by another state in that on or about June 2, 2010, the

Tennessee Board of Nursing (Tennessee Board), issued a Final Order revoking Respondent's Registered Nurse License Number 130053 pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 63-7-115(a)(1), and Rule 1000-1-.13(1) of the Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee. The revocation was based on Respondent's voluntary surrender, and subsequent revocation of her license to practice nursing in the State of Alabama on August 20, 2009. The circumstances of the surrender are as follows:

9. On or about November 2007, Respondent entered into a Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program Agreement (agreement) with the Alabama Board of Nursing as a result of drug dependency. Respondent violated the terms and conditions of the agreement in that she subsequently tested positive for morphine in a random drug screen without having a valid prescription for the medication.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 618153, issued to Jeanne Lashae Turner, a.k.a. Jeanne Lashae Bates, (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: August 24, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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